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RESOLUTION NO. 2022-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE MASON TRANSIT AUTHORITY BOARD FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING A ZERO FARE PILOT PROGRAM JANUARY 1, 2023 – DECEMBER 31, 2025

WHEREAS, the Mason Transit Authority Board wishes to assist with eliminating barriers to regional transportation connections while promoting transit ridership; and

WHEREAS, Mason Transit currently charges fares only for out-of-county travel and the TIP Pass Worker/Driver Program for those aged 18 and over, and

WHEREAS, The Washington State legislature passed the Move Ahead Washington transportation funding bill in March 2022 which includes financial incentives through a Transit Support Grant program for transit systems providing fare-free services to persons 18 and under; and

WHEREAS, funding through the Transit Support Grant program can support removing the barrier to equitable transportation for all community members, and improve access to transportation, and

WHEREAS, the cost to collect and manage fare revenue is more than the revenue received from passengers;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MASON TRANSIT AUTHORITY BOARD that the Mason Transit Authority Board hereby approves a pilot program to suspend fares for all services except the premium Worker/Driver routes, where only those aged 18 and under ride free, during the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mason Transit Authority Board approves the Fare Structure attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Adopted this 18th day of October, 2022.

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Sandy Tarzwell, Chair

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Tracy Becht, Clerk of the Board DATE: 10/31/2022

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EXHIBIT A

Mason Transit Authority Fare Structure

Effective January 1, 2023

This fare structure is part of a pilot project introducing free fares to those youth 18 and under on all modes, including the Worker/Driver bus. The pilot is expanded to include free travel for all other passengers on all modes except the Worker Driver bus. It was adopted by the MTA Authority Board with a projected end date of 12/31/2025. Any changes to the fare schedule beyond that date must return to the Mason Transit Authority Board for a formal vote.

MTA Fares

Fare Type	Adult (18+)	Youth 18 and under	Seniors (65+)	Reduced Fare
Travel Within Mason County	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge
One-Way Travel Outside Mason County*	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge
Out of County Monthly Pass	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge

Out of County Travel*– Free for all passengers

**Trips originating or terminating in Bremerton (Route 3/23), Triton Cove State Park/Brinnon (Route 8) or Olympia (Route 6/26) are considered out-of-county routes.*

Worker/Driver Bus to Puget Sound Naval Shipyard

The Worker/Driver (W/D) Program is a "premium" commuter service for employees working the day shift at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard (PSNS). It is open to the general public.

Fare Type	Adult (19+)	Youth 18 and Under
Monthly TIP Pass	$110.00	Free
One Way Trip	$2.50	Free

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Things to Know About MTA Bus Fare & Passes:

- Mason Transit does not offer refunds on bus passes.
- Drivers do not carry change, be sure to have exact change ready when boarding.
- TIP passes are not prorated and are valid from the first day of the month to the last day of the month. To buy a bus pass, go to any of the convenient locations shown below.
- If you have a pass, show your pass each time you board.
- We do not accept ORCA cards for payment of fare.
- We offer Regional Reduced Fare Permits (RRFP), which allows the permit holder to pay a reduced fare. The permit is good on 15 different transit service in the Puget Sound region, including Washington State Ferries. Eligibility is based off age, disability status, or for persons with a Medicare card. An application is required and can be found online at https://www.masontransit.org/fareinformation/ or requested by contacting our office or in-person at the Transit-Community Center. Applications are to be submitted, and permits are issued, at the Transit-Community Center. A $3 processing fee is required for the RRFP ID Card to be issued.
- For reduced fare payment, seniors may be asked to show either Photo ID or a Regional Reduced Fare Permit (RRFP).
- Persons with disabilities may be asked to show their RRFP in order to pay a reduced fare.

Pass Sales Locations:

Online at https://client.pointandpay.net/web/masontransitauthority or via the Token Transit App on your smartphone.

MTA Administration Office
790 E. Johns Prairie Road Shelton, WA
Monday – Friday; 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
(Accepts *cash, checks & credit card*)